

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION PO BOX 409 DARBY, MT 59829

June 6, 2003

CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)

Accomplishments through June 6, 2003:

Excavation and Embankment operation is continuing and going well, North of Slate Creek. Work is continuing on the slide repair North of Slate Creek. Topsoil has been placed on more of the completed fills from Slate Creek Bay South. Gabion wall #3 excavation has been completed.

Future activities planned for the project:

Work will continue on the new Slate Creek culvert if the water goes down. Excavation and embankment operation will continue North of Slate Creek. Pumco will continue their screening operation at the Alta pit. Work will continue on the south slide area just south of the Slate Creek Bay. The placement of horizontal drains may start in the slide areas. Work will continue on culverts and underdrains.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 5:30 Monday thru Friday. Per the April 11, 2003, newsletter, the construction will continue into October of this year due to the new Slate Creek Culvert being installed.

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car. Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

